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1. On 24 November 1952, at a meeting of the Party Group of the Prime Minister's Office, Grotewohl commented on the Slansky trial in Prague, stating that Germany would soon witness a "Slansky trial" of Adenauer. In answer to a loud interruption that Adenauer and his men would flee in time, he made disparaging remarks and stated that Adenauer's attitude was best demonstrated by the fact that he even failed to react when East Germany publicly called upon the people of West Germany to overthrow him and his government. He added that journalists who had published articles to this effect were still allowed to move freely in the Federal Republic.<sup>1</sup>
2. In one of the last meetings of the party group, which have taken place with greater regularity and frequency since Grotewohl's return from Moscow, Grotewohl again emphasized that ranking government employees and employees holding confidential posts were not to enter the West Sectors of Berlin. He warned that violations of this order would be punished severely.<sup>2</sup>

1. Comment. Grotewohl's words on the attitude of the Federal Government seem to spring from disappointment that Bonn fails to react to certain provocations from the East German regime; the statements are characteristic of those made at party meetings.

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2. Comment. The prohibiting of high government employees from entering West Berlin has been reported previously.

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